

NELSON'S BOUT WITH WELSH.

Battle Between Dane and Briton
Should Be Great Contest.

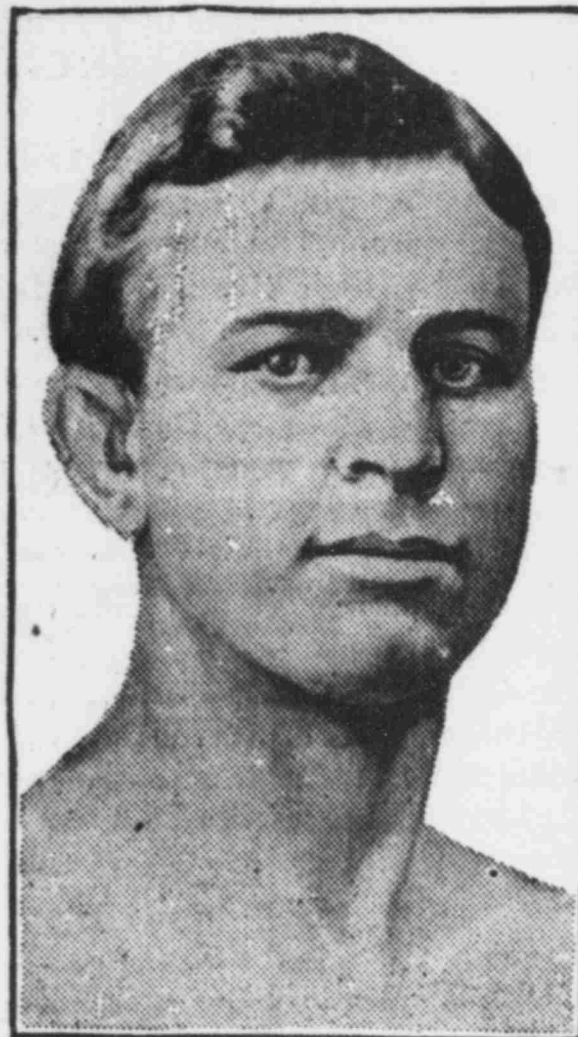
SHORT FIGHT FAVORS LATTER

In Forty-five Round Engagement the Durable Dane Would Surely Cop the Money—May Lose Decision on Points—Bout to Be Held in London.

By TOMMY CLARK.

Annoyed by the numerous challenges hurled at him and urged on by many promoters, Battling Nelson, the lightweight champion of the world, will sever his connection with the theatrical company with which he has been appearing for the last two months and return to the ring and take on all the legitimate aspirants to his title.

Nelson has announced that if successful in the coming bouts he will retire. As a starter the champion has agreed to meet Young Erne, Johnny Willetts and Mickey Gannon shortly



BAT NELSON, LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

after the 1st of January in Philadelphia, two weeks between each bout.

Later he will tackle Freddie Welsh, the English champion, in a twenty round bout for a purse of \$20,000 before the National Sporting club of London. Welsh is certainly one of the best lightweights in the world today.

His recent victory over Johnny Summers made him champion of England, so his fight with Nelson will be a genuine international championship affair. Summers was a great public favorite in England, and the Welsh boy's victory made him a tremendous drawing card on the other side of the ocean.

For the past three years Welsh has been copping regularly. There never was much talk of Welsh until he fought McFarland at Milwaukee and lost a questionable decision. McFarland at that time was considered the real bear at the 133 pound limit. After that he fought McFarland in Los Angeles and gave him the toughest argument for twenty-five rounds that he ever had in his life. It was called a draw, but McFarland never evinced a desire to settle the thing.

Welsh visited New York after trimming what was left in the south and won over Jack Goodman and Johnny Frayne with ease. He then blew home and stopped both Henri Piet and Young Josephs.

Some people say that he cannot hit hard enough to stop Nelson. They insist that a clever man has no chance whatever with the durable Dane, but still there are thousands who will wager dough that he wins.

Four years ago Welsh was fighting preliminaries in Philadelphia. He was a dancing kid then. Now he is a ripping, dashing plugger. He has changed entirely. Any boy who can beat Attell in a fifteen round go is a good enough man to fight any one.

Welsh has fought them one by one, honestly and squarely, and he deserves a crack at the championship.

There's a peculiar thing about the Welsh-Nelson fight. The former is probably the only man the Dane could fight in England and use his own style. Welsh has made a close study of Battling Nelson's methods and has copied them. The English referee might allow Nelson to fight in his usual roughing, head boring way just because that would suit Welsh.

Freddy uses the head to the chest style of milling himself. It looks like butting, and the dividing line is very slight. The trick is to put your head

so close to the other man's body that he can't strike an effective blow. Nelson originated this trick and has used it in all of his fights.

In many quarters Nelson has been censured for agreeing to meet the Englishman in a twenty round bout. The champion's game is at the Marathon distance, and there is great danger of losing his title on a decision.

BOSTON'S NEW PLANS.

Mayor and Other City Officials Are Nominated by Petition.

Boston's new plans for nominating its mayor and other city officials hereafter is attracting considerable attention throughout the country, as is also the mayoralty election that takes place on Jan. 11. The new charter which the last legislature gave Boston had a referendum attachment, which was voted upon at the recent election in November. It was left to the voters to decide whether they should nominate their candidates for city offices under the convention system or by petition, and the latter plan was adopted. These petitions must each be signed by 5,000 voters. Members of the school committee will also be nominated by petition.

Under the new order of things the next mayor will hold the office for four years unless at the end of two years a majority of the registered voters should decide to recall him. "There will be a city council, with a single chamber, of nine members. The terms of three of the members will expire every year. All of the members are to be elected at large.

By the new plan the date of the city election is changed from December to Jan. 11, and the inauguration of the mayor and the first city council under the new charter will take place on Feb. 7. Under the charter the mayor's salary will continue at \$10,000 per annum, and the nine councilmen will receive \$1,500 each. All department heads appointed by the mayor will be subject to certification by the civil service commission instead of being confirmed by the council. The street commissioner, heretofore elected, will be appointed by the mayor, subject to civil service certification.

The legislature acted on the earliest request of a large number of business men when it completely revised the method of conducting the affairs of the city.

John F. Fitzgerald, who was mayor of Boston in 1906-7; George A. Hibbard, present mayor of the city, and James J. Storrow have made the race for mayor of the Hub an exciting one.

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Little Stories Of Big People



SENATOR MONEY.

SENATOR HERANDO DE SOTO MONEY, who was recently selected to succeed Senator Culberson as the leader of the minority in the senate, is a native of Mississippi, where he was born in Holmes county in 1839. He was educated at the University of Mississippi, is a lawyer and planter and served in the Confederate army from the beginning of the war until 1864, when he was forced to retire from service by defective eyesight. He has long been a member of congress, serving in the house of representatives in the Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth, Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth congresses. He became a member of the senate in 1896, and his present term ends March 31, 1911.

Some good stories are related of the senator from the Bayou State. Once a physician told Mr. Money to stop smoking. Two days later the doctor happened to be in the capitol and went into the Mississippian's committee room to pass the time of day. As he entered he noticed the senator sitting back in his chair with his foot on the desk and a huge cigar in his mouth.

"Here, senator," he said, "I thought I told you to quit that."

"Quit what?" asked Mr. Money in mild surprise.

"Why, quit smoking tobacco."

"Tobacco, man! Why, my dear doctor, I am not using tobacco. I am merely smoking a cigar given me by an office seeker I turned down."



MISS IDA LEWIS.

brave deeds of heroism and is called the "Grace Darling of America." For more than thirty years Miss Lewis has been the keeper of Lime Rock lighthouse, off Newport, and when a child

helped her father at this work, succeeding him when he died.

During this time Miss Lewis has saved the lives of many at the risk of her own and received numerous medals. One is from the New York Life Saving association. It was given for the rescue of two men in a storm in March, 1889. A boy fourteen years old started to take two soldiers to Fort Adams. The boat was upset and the boy drowned. Miss Lewis launched her boat and rescued the two soldiers.

Again, in 1882 she pulled two men out of the ice, and in all she has saved eighteen from drowning. Congress voted her a medal in 1881, the Massachusetts Humane society gave her another, officers and soldiers at the fort subscribed a purse, and the citizens of Newport have at times recognized her services in substantial ways.

Red Cloud, the famous Indian chief who died recently, was a wonderful man in his day. He was the fiercest, most bloodthirsty and most capable leader of the red men on the plains during the thirty years of his warfare against the white people. Beginning life as a young unknown brave, with

out a follower, he fought his way upward until at the age of thirty years he was the leading chief of the Sioux and was the war commander of 20,000 braves.

In the summer of 1902 Red Cloud was thought to be dying and thousands of his followers gathered in a bend of the river two miles from his house in order to be ready for the funeral feast and festivities. But the old man continued to live, and a big carousal was planned. Dozens of dogs were slain, and canine soup by the barrel was made. In the midst of the fun a wagon drove in with Red Cloud lying on the rough boards of the wagon box. He had insisted on being taken to the feast. After eating about a gallon of the dog soup the old man was given a plunge in the ice cold water. That night the fever broke, and in a few days the old fellow was about, as usual.



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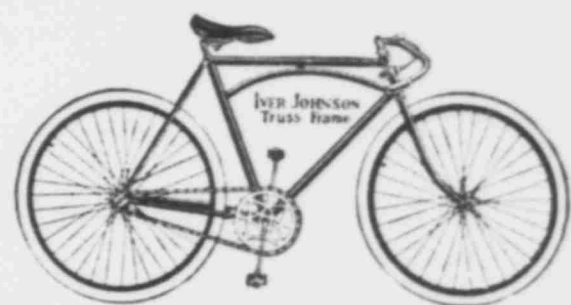
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